

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

1. Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 14 and ending at page 2, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Then, an upper mold 8 is prepared by stacking a gel coat 4 on the machined surface and ~~staking~~ stacking reinforcing epoxy 5 on the gel coat (FIG. 4). As shown in FIG. 5, the upper mold 8 is released and the thickness-defining portion is then removed.--